

The Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces

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## The Fifth Public Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces will be held on Friday, January 19, in Arlington, Virginia.

Arlington, Virginia - The fifth public meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces ("DAC-IPAD" or "the Committee") will be held Friday, January 19, 2018, from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at One Liberty Center, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 1432, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

The DAC-IPAD was established by the Secretary of Defense in February 2016, in accordance with section 546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, as amended. The Committee is tasked to advise the Secretary of Defense on the investigation, prosecution, and defense of allegations of rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault, and other sexual misconduct involving members of the Armed Forces based on its review of such cases on an ongoing basis.

At this meeting the Committee will hear testimony from the Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) regarding data requested by the DAC-IPAD on expedited transfer requests made by victims of sexual assault in fiscal year 2016. The Committee will receive a presentation from the DAC-IPAD Policy Working Group on its findings and proposed recommendations related to the expedited transfer policy and commander legal and sexual assault response training, followed by Committee deliberations on these topics. The Committee will receive a presentation from the DAC-IPAD Data Working Group regarding sexual assault case adjudication data for fiscal years 2012–2016, followed by Committee deliberations. For the last session, the Committee will receive an update from the DAC-IPAD Case Review Working Group, followed by Committee deliberations.

The DAC-IPAD welcomes input from the public on these topics and other issues under its consideration. Requests to make public comment, submission of written comments or materials, and any other inquiries may be directed to Ms. Julie Carson at <u>whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil</u> or (703) 693-3849.

This meeting is open to the public. Seating for the meeting is limited and available on a first-come basis. Visitors must provide government-issued photo identification and pass through metal detector security screening for access to the facility.

More information about the Committee, including the meeting agenda and materials, is available on its website at <u>http://dacipad.whs.mil</u>. In the event the Office of Personnel Management closes the

government due to inclement weather or for any other reason, please consult the website for any changes to public meeting dates or time.